

BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION

The Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining will meet in regular session on Wednesday, September 26, 2001 in the auditorium of the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a briefing session conducted by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. The Board will hear a report on the impact of suspending statewide well siting, and two companies will be recognized for achieving bond release. Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine, Miller Canyon Portals – Phase I in Emery County, and Western States Resources, Pine Ridge #1 Mine in San Juan County have satisfactorily complied with reclamation regulations to be released from bond requirements on those properties. Kennecott Utah Copper will also present a report to the Board concerning reclamation activities at the Bingham Canyon Mine.

The following formal agenda items will be heard beginning at 11:00 a.m.

1. Docket No. 2001-019, Cause No. BDR-2001-02 - In the Matter of the Division's Request to Commence Formal Rulemaking to Amend the Administrative Rule R641-105 Regarding Board Procedural Rules for Filing and Service.

This matter is continued from the July and August 2001 hearings for the Board's consideration of the Change in Proposed Rule, DAR No. 23812.

2. Docket No. 2001-020, Cause Nos. CLR-2001-03, MNR-2001-04, MNR-2001-05, OGR-2001-06 - In the Matter of the Division's Request to Commence Formal Rulemaking to Amend Surety Company Standards in the Following Administrative Rules: Coal Regulatory Program, R645-301-800; Minerals Regulatory Program, R647-2-111 & R647-4-113; Oil & Gas Conservation Program, R649-3-1.

This matter is continued from the July and August 2001 hearings for the Board's consideration of the Change in Proposed Rule, DAR Nos. 23815, 23816, 23817, and 23818.

3. Docket No. 2001-024, Cause No. 131-121 - In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. for an Order Modifying the Board's Order in Cause No. 139-42 to Allow the Drilling of a Third Well to Produce from the Lower Green River-Wasatch Transitional Formations in Section 22, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, USM, and in Section 3, Township 2 South, Range 1 West, USM, Duchesne and Uintah Counties, Utah.

“Section 3” has been deleted from the Request for the siting of an additional well.

4. Docket No. 2001-025, Cause No. 243-07 - In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of Royalty Owners Terry T. Olsen, et al., to Compel Operators Phillips Petroleum Company, et al., to Account for and Pay Royalties to the Royalty Owners in Accordance with their Interests in the Drilling and Spacing Units Established by the Board in Cause No. 243-3 for the Production of Gas from the Ferron Formation in the North Half of Section 5, Township 15 South, Range 10 East, SLB&M, Carbon County, Utah.

The Board is being asked for an order to require the operator to account for royalty payments.

5. Docket No. 2001-026, Cause No. RO&G-01-07 - In the Matter of the Division’s Request to Commence Formal Rulemaking to Amend Administrative Rule R649-3-31 Regarding Designated Oil Shale Areas.

The Board will receive public comments.

6. Docket No. 2001-027, Cause No. C/007/013-SR98(1) - In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action by Petitioner Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) for Board Review of the Division’s Approval of Lila Canyon Significant Revision to the Horse Canyon Mine Located in Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah, Permit Application Package C/007/013-SR98(1) Submitted by Utah American Energy, Inc. (UEI).

The Board will consider motions to continue the hearing on the merits and request to conduct discovery, grant a stay of the significant revision until a Board hearing on the merits, and a request for the Board to appoint a hearing examiner.

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